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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES WALTON GRAY (Sponsor), BUTLER, MCNEIL,
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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 161, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the establishment of a council for community education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 161, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 161.960, to read as follows:

161.960. 1. There is hereby established in the department of elementary and secondary education a "Council for Community Education".

2. The council shall have a membership of eleven persons, appointed by the governor. Membership may include, but not be limited to, representatives of the following groups:

- (1) Civic organizations;**
- (2) Community-based organizations;**
- (3) Community education organizations;**
- (4) Local government;**
- (5) Local school district administrators;**
- (6) Parent organizations;**
- (7) Post-secondary education;**
- (8) School boards; and**
- (9) Teachers.**

3. The commissioner of education or the commissioner's designee shall convene the first meeting of the council for the purpose of establishing the bylaws of the council and

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 electing officers to include a chairperson, vice chairperson, and secretary. The council
18 shall not meet more than four times annually. Members may be reimbursed for expenses
19 but shall not receive a per diem allowance.

20 **4. The council shall:**

21 **(1) Conduct feasibility studies on the establishment of community education**
22 **programs within the state;**

23 **(2) Advise the commissioner of education and the department of education on issues**
24 **relating to the establishment of community education programs;**

25 **(3) Make recommendations for a state plan for community education which sets**
26 **forth the goals and objectives of a community schools program and establishes a system**
27 **of priorities for targeting available resources on the areas with the greatest need within a**
28 **school district; and**

29 **(4) Make recommendations for the funding of local community education**
30 **programs.**

31 **5. For purposes of this section, "community school", means a school that makes its**
32 **facilities available for citizen use, coordinates activities of local citizens in identifying**
33 **program needs and establishing priorities, identifies and utilizes available program**
34 **resources, and assists in the initiation of programs to improve the cultural, social,**
35 **recreational, and educational opportunities available in a community. "Community**
36 **education program", means a program in which a public building, including a public**
37 **elementary or secondary school, is used as a community center operated by a school board**
38 **in cooperation with other groups in the community, community organizations, and local**
39 **governmental agencies to provide educational, recreational, cultural, health care, and other**
40 **related community services in accordance with the needs, interests, and concerns of the**
41 **community.**

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